

Wilmington Watersheds

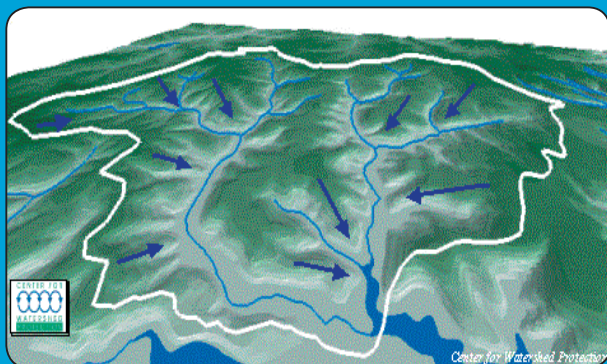
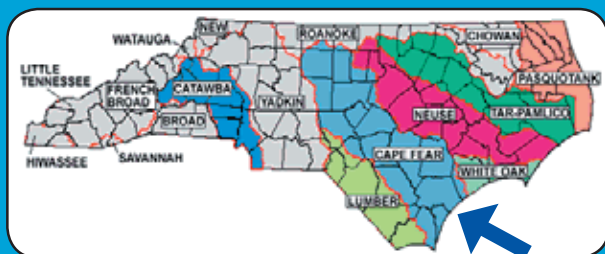


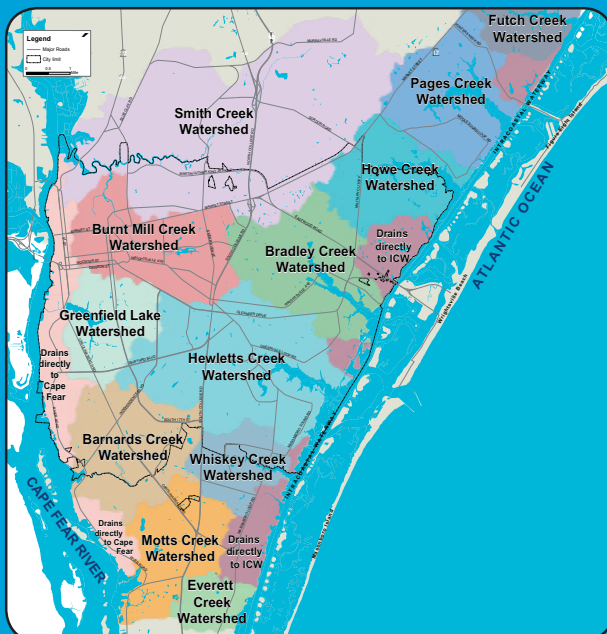
Diagram of a watershed

A **watershed** is an area of land that drains stormwater runoff to a certain creek or waterway. On the diagram to the left, the watershed is within the white line. All runoff from this watershed will drain into the creek where the arrows are pointing. ***Everyone lives in a watershed, even if you don't live near water!***



Cape Fear River Basin (Watershed)

Watersheds in Wilmington are actually part of the larger **Cape Fear River Basin watershed**. Think of Wilmington's watersheds as smaller watersheds within the larger Cape Fear River Basin watershed.



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Wilmington watersheds drain runoff into creeks, such as Hewletts Creek or Burnt Mill Creek, then eventually into the **Cape Fear River** or **Intracoastal Waterway**.

Unfortunately, runoff transports pollutants, like pet waste, litter, fertilizer, and yard waste from our watersheds directly into our creeks and waterways - **untreated**.



Watershed signs along area roadways help identify which watershed you're in. Remember, everyone lives, works and plays in a watershed. **Please do your part to protect our waterways!**

Smith Creek Watershed
Greenfield Lake Watershed
Burnt Mill Creek Watershed
Barnards Creek Watershed
Motts Creek Watershed

Drains to the Cape Fear River

Drains to the ICW / Atlantic Ocean

Futch Creek Watershed
Pages Creek Watershed
Howe Creek Watershed
Bradley Creek Watershed
Hewletts Creek Watershed
Whiskey Creek Watershed
Everett Creek Watershed